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SUBJECT: SPANISH SAHARA

REF: A. RABAT 3249; B. ALGIERS 1508

1. DEPARTMENT HAD PREPARED INSTRUCTIONS FOR RESPONSE
TO KING HASSAN'S REQUEST FOR U.S. DIPLOMATIC ASSISTANCE
TO HELP EASE TENSE SAHARA SITUATION WHEN REFTELS
ARRIVED REPORTING APPARENT ALGERIAN-MOROCCAN RAPPROCHE-
MENT AND ALGERIAN ACCEPTANCE OF MOROCCAN-MAURITANIAN
UNDERSTANDING ON FUTURE OF SAHARA. WITHOUT DEPARTING
FROM STANDING U.S. POLICY OF STRICT NEUTRALITY ON
SUBSTANCE OF SAHARA DISPUTE, DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN
PREPARED TO SUGGEST THAT KING HASSAN CONSIDER ATTENDING
SPANISH SPONSORED FOUR-POWER CONFERENCE AS WAY OF
DEFUSING TENSE SITUATION THAT HAD ARisen BECAUSE OF
OPPOSING VIEWS OF MOROCCO AND ALGERIA.

2. BECAUSE OF NEW AND UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENT OF
APPARENT ALGERIAN-MOROCCAN AGREEMENT, ASSUMPTIONS ON
WHICH PLANNED U.S. DEMARCHE WAS BASED MAY NO LONGER BE
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VALID. DEPARTMENT IS THEREFORE DEFERRING RESPONSES TO
KING HASSAN AND ALSO TO SPANISH REQUEST TO SUPPORT
PROPOSED FOUR-POWER CONFERENCE, UNTIL CURRENT
DIPLOMATIC SITUATION BECOMES CLEARER.

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